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SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I would think that it would be just as proper to bracket and look at it and then adopt rather than adopt then bracket.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The issue before us is the Bereuter amendment.

SENATOR DWORAK: I thought Senator Bereuter is requesting a bracket of his amendment, he's requesting adoption of his amendment right?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Bereuter, the motion before us is the adoption of the Bereuter amendment. He made some suggestion to bracketing but the Chair is under the interpretation that he did not move to bracket the bill or the rule.

SENATOR DWORAK: OK, on the Bereuter amendment on Section C, Senator Nichol and several other people indicated that Section C is the first time that any member of the Legislature has an opportunity to get involved in the line item override process. I see Section C, if the Appropriations Committee by majority action would recommend overriding the whole bill, then the Legislature or any member of the Legislature would not have an opportunity to get into the process until Section D. I'm going to ask Senator Bereuter if he'd yield as to the validity of my observation.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Bereuter would you yield?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, I will. Senator Dworak, this system we are proposing here limits the time frame in which you can make motions. You will be able to participate in debate at any stage. Now what Section C would do as I'm about to amend it if I'm able to is to provide that you, if the Legislature's Appropriations Committee does not recommend overriding the entire bill, then you will have two opportunities. One, to override the entire bill by your motion or secondly, to pick out those things you specifically want to override.

SENATOR DWORAK: What if the Appropriations Committee does recommend overriding the whole bill?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Then we will vote on it immediately under Step A.

SENATOR DWORAK: Then we have no opportunity to get in until D. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEREUTER: C, Item C.

SENATOR DWORAK: OK. The 30 votes in Item D, Senator Bereuter, wouldn't that now take 25 votes to amend an amendment?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: So you're making it 5 votes stricter to override the Appropriations Committee's recommendation?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes. May I explain why?

SENATOR DWORAK: I'm not ready to debate against that but go ahead if you want to.